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CLASSIFICATION [redacted]

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT [redacted]

TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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EVALUATION [redacted]

PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 29 March 1954

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following air activity was observed at Cottbus airfield between 17 February and 5 March 1954:

17 February. Yak-18s made flights in the vicinity of the field. Throughout the day, swept-back jet aircraft with auxiliary fuel tanks were repeatedly observed firing at towed sleeve targets in the vicinity of Cottbus.

18 February. Aerobatics were practiced by Yak-11s. Firing at towed air sleeves was repeatedly conducted by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s.

19 February. Individual flights were made by Yak-18s throughout the day. At night, swept-back jet aircraft repeatedly crossed the area of Cottbus at high altitudes.

20 February. Yak-11s practiced acrobatics, mostly turns and loops at high altitudes of 2,000 to 3,000 meters. There were no clouds. Swept-back jet aircraft were repeatedly observed aloft.

24 February. Practice flights in elements of twos were made by Yak-18s.

25 February. There was again air activity by Yak-11s which practiced loops, turns and rolls.

27 February. No trainer aircraft from the field were observed aloft. However, swept-back jet aircraft were repeatedly observed flying. There was a closed ceiling, but good visibility.

3 March. Yak-18s practiced flying in the vicinity of the field. Swept-back jet aircraft practiced firing at towed sleeve targets.

4 March. Yak-11s practiced formation flying and acrobatics and Yak-18s made take-offs and landings.

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5 March. Yak-18s circled over the field. There was a closed ceiling and visibility of 3 to 4 km. Five aircraft with red propeller hubs [redacted] were observed at the take-off point.

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2. Motor vehicles observed at the field included tank trucks [redacted] truck [redacted] and sedan [redacted] 25X1

Comment. Yak-11s and Yak-18s of the Aeroclub made the usual practice flights at Cottbus airfield. [redacted] The jet aircraft observed belong to other airfields, possibly to Welzow airfield.

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